MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Your Family and Middlebury

Winter 1957

ENT BY THE COLLEGE TO ALL MIDDLEBURY PARENTS

the PRESIDENT'S Page

WITH the purpose of bringing to the attention of alumni some of the matters discussed and acted upon by the Board of Trustees and the Administration since College opened in September, I have selected the following items from minutes of Trustee and Administrative Staff Committees.

Tuition Increase

Early last summer a staff study of ways and means to put into effect a further increase in faculty salaries was undertaken. The salary increase effected July 1, 1956 was substantial (based in part on the Ford Foundation Grant) but it clearly was not adequate, and it became obvious that only by an increase in tuition could further improvement in salaries both for staff and faculty be achieved. Data was assembled on faculty salaries of the country as a whole based on public information and on salaries in selected colleges based on confidential information. At the same time data was collected on present board, room, and tuition charges of 15 selected institutions. An analysis of these data made it apparent that a modest increase in tuition and board and room charges would bring the cost of a Middlebury education to its students in line with charges of comparable colleges—in fact, still below many such institutions. On the other hand, the modest increase proposed would provide a further increase for salaries in July 1957. The new tuition rate will be $900. per year commencing in September 1957. At the same time the room and board charge for women will become $750. per year. For men the room charge will be $280. and the board charge $440. per year. For students in college, scholarship grants will be increased proportionately to the increase in tuition charge whenever there is need for this action.

Stewart Hall

Announcement has previously been made of College plans to erect a new dormitory for men students to be financed largely under the government plan for financing residential buildings for colleges and universities. Construction of this building is now underway and proceeding smoothly. It is our hope that the building will be ready for occupancy for the start of our academic year in September 1957. The completion will make possible the return of all our men students to residence on the campus or in fraternity houses and preserve our character as a residential college.

The location of the new dormitory was selected with great care. Special consideration was given to student convenience by taking into account accessibility of class room buildings and dining halls. The site south of Hepburn Hall in the area occupied by Mother Mason's Garden was chosen after very careful study of alternative possibilities for a location. Plans for moving some of the permanent trees and shrubs to other places on the campus have been effected but a sizeable proportion of the garden will be re-grouped around the new dormitory. This will make the setting for the new building more attractive and will keep Mother Mason's Garden in the area she loved and cultivated.

Considerable thought was given to naming this new residence hall by a trustee committee assigned this task. The committee was unanimous in recommending the name STEWART HALL as an appropriate recognition of the Stewart family's long service to Middlebury College.

Many of our old New England colleges are proud of affiliations with outstanding old families but I doubt that any institution anywhere can boast of affiliations as outstanding and illustrious as exist in the histories of the Stewart and Battell families and this College.

These two families have played a most prominent role in guiding the progress and destiny of Middlebury College, supplying it with five of its trustees whose combined service totals 183 years. Eleven members of the families were undergraduates at Middlebury and four members have received honorary degrees from Middlebury. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Jessica Stewart Swift and Philip B. Stewart who were Stewarts on their father's side and Battell's on their mother's side, were the only brother and sister to receive honorary degrees from Middlebury.

Mrs. Jessica Stewart Swift, widow of Charles M. Swift, a former Middlebury Trustee, still maintains a home in Middlebury. Her brother, Philip Stewart and his son, Philip Stewart, II, are occasional visitors to Middlebury and they maintain very active interests in the College.

Wright Memorial Theatre

Detailed planning has also been going on this year for the new Speech and Drama Center. This building combining, as it does, a "Little Theatre" with teaching facilities for speech, debating and drama has required very deliberate discussion and consideration by our Trustees, staff and those faculty people directly concerned with academic activities to be conducted in the building. The one basic objective has been to insure construction of a building that will make available at Middlebury the best possible facilities for speech, debating and drama, attractively fit into our campus and be built at a cost within our resources.

Critical structural materials have been ordered and construction is scheduled for March.

Addition to Egbert Starr Library

With the selection of Shepley, Bullfinch, Richardson and Abbott of Boston, Massachusetts as architects for the proposed addition to Starr Library, plans are now being developed to make possible the fulfillment of additional library facilities at Middlebury. The report of Dr. Joseph Wheeler, our library consultant, has been under study by the architects so that they may develop the structural plans that will attractively and efficiently house the additional area needed for study by students and faculty and for shelf storage of library books. With the final completion of this project, we hope to achieve library facilities that will rank among the finest in small liberal arts colleges. However, we all must realize that the most carefully worked plans come to naught without the means of fulfillment. Final completion of our Library project will require generous support of Middlebury people everywhere as we move into this important phase of Middlebury's Development Program.

General Academic News

Any discussion of building needs and progress towards increasing physical facilities can too [*Continued on page 11*]

MIDDLEBURY in the News

Parents Committee Is "Delighted" With Parents Fund Participation

THE Parents Committee for the College's Development Program reported "with pleasure" on February 28th that total gifts to the current Parents Fund amounted to $4,690. Gifts from 105 parents of undergraduates have been received, with parents of Freshmen, at present, representing the largest group of donors. Parents of Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors following in order, the Committee reports.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hazlett Upson, Co-Chairmen of the Parents Fund Committee, in making their mid-winter report, said that the committee was "delighted and pleased with the generous response many parents had made to their appeal" and expressed the wish that the Committee could individually thank each and every one that has given.

President Samuel S. Stratton of Middlebury upon receiving the Committee's report from Mr. and Mrs. Upson's said: "I am pleased with the important aid to the College made possible by the many generous gifts of Middlebury parents to the Parents Fund. Our many building projects underway and contemplated to improve our facilities (see President's Page on Page 2) makes every dollar given to Middlebury of particular importance and significance."

Dr. Stratton continued "I've been greatly impressed with the many encouraging and stimulating letters that have been directed to the Parents Fund Committee by parents in response to the appeal." "It is reassuring to note the keen interest in the College by Middlebury parents."

A typical Parent letter reads: "I would like to make it clear in presenting this donation that it does not represent in any way my appreciation for what Middlebury is doing for our youngster as from my experience, thus far, that could not be measured in terms of money. I would like to make my present donation a great deal larger to express that appreciation, but I am sure you will understand the many other demands with which we are all faced today. I trust that you will have every success in your drive for these special contributions."

Parents wishing to join with those who have given earlier to this year's Parents Fund may do so by using the stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed in this issue of *Your Family and Middlebury*.

Interest In Religion Shown In Conference

The Fourth Annual Religion Conference brought students and visiting speakers together in December for a discussion of the topic *You Believe in God—So What?*

Approximately four hundred students participated in the affair which began on a Thursday evening and ended on a Saturday afternoon.

The large student committee, headed by co-chairman Miss Patricia J. Judah, '57, and Wayne G. Reilly, '57, had begun their meticulous planning last spring. The topic itself emerged out of discussions in which students decided that a gulf exists in America between religious profession and the ethical-moral realities of society. The poll takers report that an overwhelming majority of the American people say they believe in God. Why then, asked our students, do our religious beliefs seem to have so little impact on the national life? Does it make any difference to believe in God? Or, as the topic puts it, "You Believe in God—So What?"

A distinguished group of speakers came to the campus to tackle this question. Dr. Ernest Gordon, the new Dean of the Princeton University Chapel, was an inspiring "Keynoter."

The Jewish representative was Rabbi Irving Levey, Director of the Hillel Foundation at Princeton University.

Father Vincent Brown of Long Island University gave a clear analysis of the problem from a Roman Catholic point of view.

The Protestant spokesman was Congregationalist Dr. Ronald Bridges, formerly President of Pacific School of Religion and now Director of Religious Affairs in the United States Office of Information.

Until this year the costs of Religion Conference were met entirely by funds raised by students. Proceeds from the hot dog stand at football games, refreshment concessions at dances, the sale of Middlebury buttons, and "bake sales" went into the Religion Conference Treasury.

Impressed by the idea of such a conference and by student ingenuity in raising money for it, Donald G. Mitchell, President of Sylvania Electric Products Company, recently made a substantial gift to the College in the form of an endowment for the Conference. Each year the earnings from the endowment fund will be added to the money raised by the students themselves. Mr. Mitchell is the father of Miss Judie Mitchell Davies, '55, who was organizer and co-chairman of the first Religion Conference held in 1953.

The success of Religion Conference depends ultimately upon the support of the entire College Community. So far students, faculty, and the administration members have cooperated in the common venture. President Stratton gave encouragement and support by serving as Honorary Chairman. Many faculty members have extended their aid by inviting the speakers to lecture in their classes.

The conclusion to be drawn from Middlebury's Religion Conference is the openess of today's undergraduate to religion as the source of answers to the problems of human existence. For the most part students are not *committed*, but they are intensely interested. They are probing deeply, and asking big questions. Their seriousness in this regard is a bright omen for the future.

Rev. Charles P. Scott
College Chaplain

ON THE COVER

As Professor Grant H. Harnest looks on, G. Dann Sargent, '57, works on an experiment in the Chemistry Laboratory. He is one of 32 young men representing 24 states 24 American colleges and universities who have won Rhodes Scholarships and will enter Oxford University next Fall to begin two years or more of study in the field of their choice.

Parents Invited!

Please contact your Dinner Chairman listed below, if interested.

1957 Alumni Reunion Dinner Schedule

District	Place	Date	Chairman
Connecticut	Cook's Tavern, Plainville, Conn.	Friday, March 1	Ralph Eddy, '51 93 Deer Park Road, Simsbury, Conn.
Texas	Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas	Saturday March 9	Rosemary Garner, '52 Box 139M, RD #3, Austin, Texas Paul Foster, '37 3816 Lover's Lane Dallas, Texas
Rochester, New York	Charcoal Pit, Rochester	Thursday, March 14	Frederick Hughes, '31 1432 Clover St. Rochester, N. Y.
Syracuse, New York	Tobin's Restaurant, Syracuse	Friday, March 15	Carl Jolivette, '49 105 Roney Lane Syracuse, N. Y.
Springfield, Massachusetts	Hotel Northampton, Northampton	Thursday, March 28	Loring Lane, '39 102 Riverview Ave., Longmeadow, Mass.
Worcester, Massachusetts	Hickory House, Worcester	Friday, March 29	Edward Yerow, '33 3 Westland St., Worcester, Mass.
Boston	M.I.T. Faculty Club, Cambridge	Saturday, March 30	Robert Seixas, '49 97 Fisher St., Westwood, Mass.
Cleveland	Stouffers Shaker Square Restaurant, Cleveland	Thursday, April 4	Mrs. Robert Burton, '48 1377 Brainard Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio
New York City	Columbia University Club	Thursday, April 25	Robert Rivel, '42 923 East 38th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Philadelphia	Place to be announced	Friday, April 26	To be announced
Washington, D. C.	Tally-Ho Restaurant, Washington	Saturday, April 27	Carl Moulton, '18 4011 Belle Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Albany, New York	Circle Inn, Latham Traffic Circle, Latham	Wednesday, May 8	John Henty, '50 1167 Myron St., Schenectady, N. Y.
Montpelier, Vermont	The Tavern, Montpelier	Monday, May 13	James Brock, '35 40 Clarendon St., Montpelier, Vt.
Upper Connecticut Valley	Norwich Inn, Norwich, Vt.	Tuesday, May 14	Borden Avery, '39 Norwich Inn, Norwich, Vt.
New Hampshire	Millville Inn, Concord, N. H.	Wednesday, May 15	Paul Vyrros, '48 11 Manning St., Manchester, N. H.

1957 Football Schedule

A seven game Middlebury College football schedule for 1957 has been announced by Walter J. Nelson, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The Panthers play the same seven teams they met during the 1956 season. Only the dates and sites of the games have been changed.

The October 12th game with Williams will be held during Homecoming Weekend. The second annual Parents' Day is scheduled for October 17th when Middlebury entertains Bates.

THE SCHEDULE: Sept. 28, at Wesleyan. Oct. 5, at Worcester Tech; 12, Williams (Homecoming); 17, Bates (Parents' Day); 26, at RPI. Nov. 2, at Norwich; 9, Vermont.

Faculty Members Receive 3 Grants

Three Middlebury College faculty members have been awarded Du Pont Company Grants of $500 each to enable them to engage in research and study this summer. These summer study Grants are made possible by a gift of $4,000 from the E. I. du Pont Company to the College $2,500 of the total Grant is to be used by the Chemistry Dept. for advancing the teaching of Chemistry. The remaining $1,500 awarded Middlebury "to strengthen the teaching of other intellectual disciplines" will make possible the Du Pont Grants for summer faculty study.

The faculty members are: Professor Henry B. Prickitt, English Dept.; Professor David K. Smith, Economics Dept.; and Professor Howard E. Woodin, Biology Dept.

Dr. Prickitt's project will be on *The Condition of the Established clergy in England During the Eighteenth Century.* Dr. Smith will make a study of the *Great Books in Economics.* And Dr. Woodin's project will be *A Comparative Study of the Timber Line on Mount Marcy, New York, and Recent Climatic Changes.*

Wig & Pen Honors William H. Upson

William Hazlett Upson, creator of the Alexander Botts stories in the *Saturday Evening Post*, and resident of Middlebury, was recently presented with an award and a lifetime pass to the College Theatre by the Wig and Pen Dramatic Society of Middlebury.

The presentation was made by Robert MacGowan, '58, President of the Drama Club and Professor Erie Volkert, Director of the College Theatre.

The scroll presented Mr. Upson was inscribed: *An award expressing the appreciation of the Middlebury College Wig and Pen Dramatic Society to William Hazlett Upson for his interest and support of the Middlebury College Theatre, for allowing the Middlebury College Drama Department to première his one-act plays, and especially for his musical play 'Middlebury Parade' commemorating the sesquicentennial of Middlebury College in 1950.*

Mr. Upson received the award during a meeting of the Drama Society. He spoke about the musical he wrote and the problems in writing and producing it.

Mr. Upson was accompanied by Mrs. Marjory A. (Wright) Upson, '15, daughter of the former Professor Charles Baker Wright and Dean at Middlebury. The Upson's son, John, and daughter, Polly, both attended Middlebury.

Two Faculty Members Get Sabbatical Leaves

Professor Walter T. Bogart of the Political Science Department and Professor Alan Carter of the Music Department have both been granted sabbatical leave for next year.

Campus Commentator

REPORTING THE STUDENT SIDE OF MIDDLEBURY NEWS

By James W. Donahue, '57

Peter Orvis, '57 and Sabra Harwood, '57, Co-Chairmen of the Middlebury College Campus Chest presenting a check of $421.06 to Elbert C. Cole, of Porter Hospital Board as contribution to annual Porter Hospital Drive. This year's Campus Chest raised $3,901.38, a 60% increase over last year, from undergraduates, faculty and staff. All funds raised have now been distributed to Vermont and national charities.

ONE of the most taken-for-granted, yet one of the most distinctive aspects of Middlebury College life, particularly as it affects preparation for eventual realization of rewarding community life, is community service which the students render through campus social and fraternal organizations.

Recognition of such service is of two-fold importance: it represents an important area of human affairs in which Middlebury, unlike many other colleges and universities, makes a good showing of itself outside the collegiate quadrangle; and its community-minded efforts have in recent years increased to such an extent that they now constitute an integral part of the character-forming function of the College.

This is not to say that community service is, as a function, new to the undergraduates. Present forms of community activity had their origins more than twenty years ago, with the organization of such groups as Women's Forum; the tradition of service extends back even further, to early philanthropic efforts of the College's religious and social groups. As social activities have increased in undergraduate participation, they have concomitantly increased in scope, until at the present time they serve not only the community of Middlebury but the regional and national communities as well, through such recently-developed organizations as the campus Community Chest campaign.

The spirit and growth of the Middlebury Community Chest, originated and operated solely by undergraduates, reflects in large measure both the enthusiasm for and success of student-operated social services. The Chest Drive, organized a few short years ago, reached the high point in its history during the past year when, realizing a total of over $3900, the drive came within less than $100 of reaching its $4000 goal, the highest it had ever set. The final tally showed 50% of the men and slightly over 80% of the women making direct contributions in envelope solicitation, a distinct improvement in average over past years. The $2325 contributed by students, faculty and staff was supplemented by profits of a raffle, the annual Community Fair, and the contest for Ugliest Man on Campus, which is assuming the proportions of one of the academic year's social highlights.

Besides local charities, Porter Hospital, the Red Cross Blood Program and a special project of the Middlebury Town Fund, national organizations among the ten benefiting from the College Chest Drive include the Salvation Army, World University Service, the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students, the Jimmy Fund (Children's Cancer Research Foundation), the American Heart Association, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

The real significance of the College Community Chest lies not in the fact that the College's undergraduates contribute to such a campaign; it is distinguished in that the students, by their own initiative, have instituted, organized and effectively run what has become a virtually indispensable charitable organization in a village which has no Community Chest of its own. Those active in such an organization, like those who donated 179 pints of blood during a recent afternoon visit of a Bloodmobile to the campus, have satisfaction in knowing that they have not only contributed to needed social service, but have actually provided it where it was unfortunately lacking.

Such is also the case with many other campus organizations. Equally as distinguished is the role played in social service by the fraternities and sororities at Middlebury. Outstanding among the social services which fraternal organizations render is the tradition of Christmas parties for the Village's children. The groups, working closely with village school officials, supply elementary school pupils with needed articles of clothing as well as toys; in addition, plans are now under consideration for a fraternity-sorority fund through which needy children may be provided with medical and dental care when necessary. Similar projects are organized at Hallowe'en, when undergraduates work in conjunction with a town committee to plan parties designed to give the youngsters a good time while keeping them safely off the streets on Hallowe'en night.

The services which the fraternities and sororities give individually are numerous. They range from a sorority's annual appropriation for charity or a fraternity's volunteering baby-sitters for faculty and townspeople during election day, to such traditional co-operative efforts as the annual Help Week. Instituted in 1951 to better town-gown relations, it takes the place of fraternity pledge's Hell Week; and although it superseded hazing, it is significant that now all the brothers of each house, not only freshman pledges, carry out a project of community service during the week. Since its institution almost six years ago, Help Week has become the time for undergraduate assistance in such things as renovation in Porter Hospital and Sheldon Museum, beautification of the Chipman Hill area, construction of picnic sites, cleaning and gravestone resetting in the local cemeteries, and work at Caverly Preventorium, a Pittsford, Vt., institution where there are many children bedridden or on crutches as the result of crippling diseases.

Unique in the story of community service at Middlebury [*Continued on page 11*]

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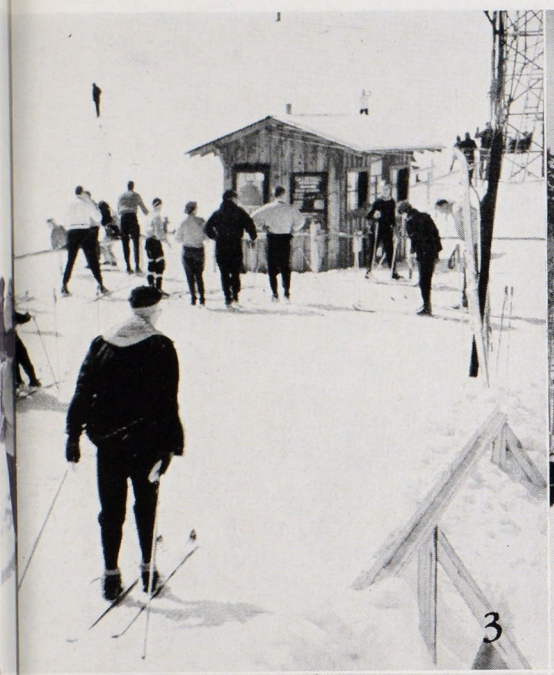
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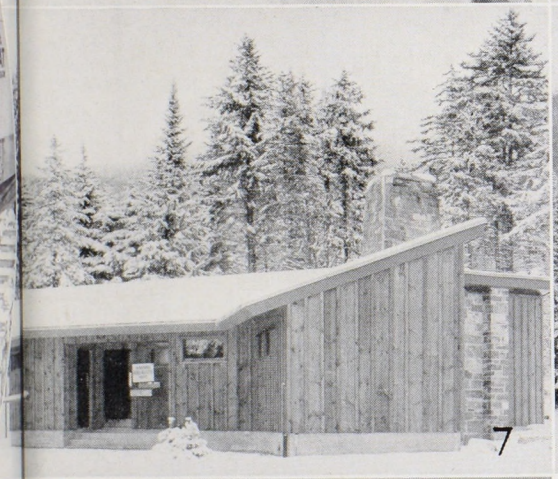
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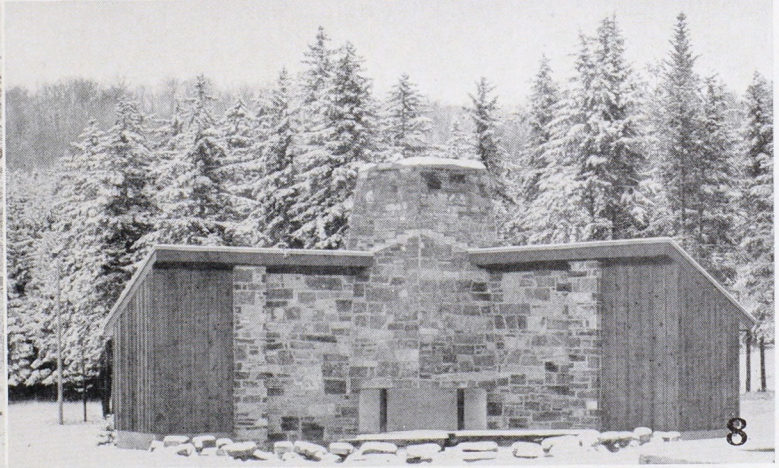
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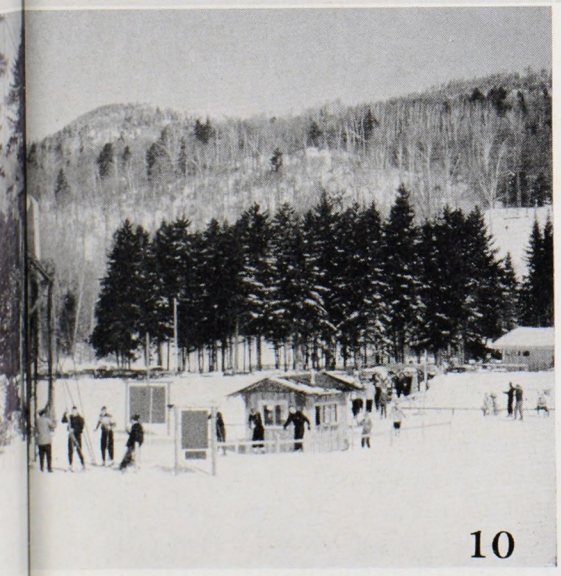
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THE COLLEGE SNOW BOWL is the center of Middlebury's winter sports activities these days with a very large percentage of students and faculty members utilizing the Bowl's skiing facilities. **1.** Skiers enjoy the broad expanse offered by the Proctor Trail. **2.** Riding the 3085-foot Pomalift. It is estimated that over 40,000 rides were taken by skiers to the top of Worth Mountain during last year's skiing season. **3.** Preparing for the long ride up the "lift." **4.** Fifty-meter memorial jump named in honor of Edward Gignac, '43, killed in action during World War II. **5.** View of the Pomalift and adjoining Allen Slope (*center*) with Gignac jump landing hill at left and Ross Trail returning to the base (*in distance at right*). 6. Willy Nicolet (*left*), certified Swiss ski school instructor, and Snow Bowl Manager Ralph Myhre, discuss packing of the trails with "Sno-Cat." **7.** and **8.** Glimpses of the new ski lodge with large fireplace, open on two sides and unusual diamond-shape chimney. This completes the first stage of construction of the lodge. **9.** Alumni and their families are frequent "ski visitors" to the Bowl. **10.** Skiers starting their ascent up the Pomalift.

with our FACULTY

By Professor **John G. Bowker,** *Dean of the Faculty*

BACK in January 1953, the late Professor Perley Voter was gratified to learn that his Chemistry Department had been awarded a grant of $2500 for the academic year 1953–54 by the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company in recognition of "the outstanding record of your Chemistry Department in the education of chemistry majors, as evidenced in part by the numbers prepared and encouraged to complete their education at the post-graduate level." Middlebury was one of nineteen private colleges in the United States to receive that award.

The grant has been continued each year since 1953–54 and has enabled our Chemistry Department to improve and expand its program of research under Dr. Harnest. This year, in addition to the chemistry grant, Middlebury received a supplementary award of $1500 to be used to promote "other disciplines important in the education of scientists and engineers." In view of the breadth of our pre-engineering program, it was felt we could properly consider the work of any faculty member at Middlebury well within this designation. Such is consistent with the new emphases on Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at such representative engineering schools as M. I. T. and R. P. I.

Accordingly, three summer fellowships of $500 each, to be known as the Du Pont Grants, will be available to members of our faculty to assist them in the pursuance of research already under way or to strengthen themselves academically and increase their competence as teachers. This grant is particularly significant because it demonstrates the growing recognition by industry of the importance and desirability of a liberal arts background for higher scientific training.

▸ Doctor Chung-Ying Chih, Assistant Professor of Physics, was at the University of California last summer as reported in the August 1956 NEWS LETTER. His research at their radiation laboratory involved an investigation of K mesons, hyperons, and hyperfragments by means of nuclear track emulsions. The only accelerating device at present capable of producing a charge sufficient to cause a disintegrating explosion of such intensity that the K mesons (the heavier ones) can be identified and studied is the five billion volt Bevatron at Berkeley. The mass of these meson particles is in the order of several hundred times that of an electron, they may be charged positively or negatively, they are part of the debris which appears when a nucleous is bombarded by very high energy particles. Mesons have been detected in cosmic ray studies, they are extremely unstable, having a life of but a few microseconds.

Dr. Chih photographed these mesons in flight at Berkeley by a nuclear emulsion process and has brought the emulsion plates to Middlebury. The National Science Foundation has just awarded him a grant to provide equipment and enable him to carry on his investigation here in our physics laboratories. Dr. Chih is particularly anxious to determine the decay of negative K mesons in flight and to study interactions between them and surrounding nucleons.

▸ About a year ago I was called to a meeting at M. I. T. of representatives of a group of some twenty New England colleges to learn of the proposed high speed computer facilities soon to be available to us. The International Business Machines Corporation has provided a new 704 digital computer at M. I. T. which is now being installed in the new Compton Laboratory and will soon be in full-scale operation. The computer will be available for the solution of any computational problems of great magnitude which may be encountered in research by our faculty or our graduate students. We are invited to nominate a member of our staff to be a Research Associate, whose training at the Computational Center would be financed, in part, by the I. B. M. Research Fund, and also we may nominate seniors to become Research Assistants following a ten-week summer training program which will be available at several I. B. M. centers next summer.

The impact of the introduction of high-speed calculators and electronic data-processing during the past three years has already brought revolutionary changes into industrial operation and accounting. The Middlebury catalog for 196?—6? will likely show our mathematics or economics department offering courses in Data Programming and Processing, for now that the electronics and magnetic drums have increased the speed and capacity of computation devices, the acute need is for trained personnel who can recognize one of these problems when it arises and [*Continued on page 11*]

The Trustees of Middlebury College*

By Egbert C. Hadley, '10, *Chairman*

Why are they?
Who are they?
What do they do?
When do they do it?
Why do they do it?

The Charter from the State of Vermont requires "... that the said President and Fellows shall have the government, care and management of the said College, and of all matters and affairs thereto belonging ..."

On November 1, 1800 Isaac Tichenor, Governor of Vermont, in issuing the Charter of Middlebury College, named the first President and fifteen Fellows. All these Fellows were elected with expectation of life tenure. The Charter, however, permits the election of not more than half for a fixed term of years.

It is interesting to note the long service to the College as trustees by certain families, doubtless in part due to life tenure. One example is the Seymour-Stewart-Battell-Swift family of which five members served a total of over 180 years. The first was elected in 1810. The last died in 1929. Another example is the Merrill-Starr-Hadley family of which five members have also served over 180 years. The first was elected in 1806 and the last is still serving. The Proctor family is another one of long term and generous interest.

Middlebury in earlier years had a substantial number of ministers on the Board. About 30% of approximately 210 trustees were ministers. The percentage has been markedly decreasing in most of the Colleges not directly church related. There have been none on the Middlebury Board for some years, perhaps due to the necessarily increasing emphasis on business and financial aspects of college administration.

About 30 years ago it was decided that the Board should have some members nominated by the Alumni. This plan has worked out very satisfactorily. Quite a number of these alumni have contributed to Board action during these 30 years. It has been possible to retain some on the Board by election to term or life membership.

A further response to changing conditions has been including three women on the Board. This was only about 66 years after women were admitted to Middlebury College! They have brought most valuable viewpoints to the Board.

There are now twenty-five Trustees, including the three women. This number is made up of the President, fourteen life Trustees, five term Trustees elected for staggered five year terms and five Alumni-Alumnae Trustees nominated by the Alumni or Alumnae group elected for staggered five year terms.

The principal past or present activities of Trustees, arranged by group size include: business, construction, engineering, 8; law, 6; teaching, 5; banking and finance, 4; medicine, 1.

Most of the Trustees are graduates of Middlebury. Others are from Yale, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton, Brown, Harvard and Dartmouth. They bring valuable suggestions to Middlebury from the background of other *Ivory Towers.*

The Trustee contributions to the administrative work is largely done by Committees of which there are more than twenty active.

We have been fortunate in having a number of teachers on the Board in addition to the President. Dr. Albert D. Mead, Vice-President of Brown University when he retired, contributed importantly to our Board both administrative and academic viewpoints. Dr. Lyon of Dartmouth and Dr. Cole of Williams have been very familiar with some of the problems that occur at Middlebury. Educational experience also comes to us from Mrs. Milliken, Mrs. Howson and Alan Furber.

Middlebury has been fortunate in its Treasurers (recently George Allen and Ted Lang) and its Finance Committee. Their long and arduous work is behind the scenes, and includes the handling of over 14 million dollars of capital value and an annual budget of about 2½ million dollars.

It is surprising how many legal questions have had to be resolved. A short list would include sale of mountain lands for national forest, titles on lands bought and on lands sold, aspects of faculty housing projects, interpretation of bequests, contracts for construction, relations with Porter Hospital, taxation of certain college property, possible liabilities in use of ski bowl and other sport facilities, etc., etc.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee under Leon Gay, Brown University, 1906, is one with seemingly continuous assignments of a demanding sort. Buildings activity since the end of World

*Also known as *The President and Fellows of Middlebury College.*

War II include more than a dozen major projects. The Student Union was a government wartime building moved here from Rhode Island. It houses important activities and is one of the busiest buildings on the campus. A larger, better and more permanent type building could be used to great advantage. The Memorial Field House was moved from a Navy installation at Geneva, N. Y. Trustee Joseph Kasper headed the drive for funds which made this building possible. It is now hard to see how we ever got along without this building. Its use has been greatly enhanced for both students and townspeople by the installation of artificial ice—which would have been impossible without the generosity of Mrs. Charles B. Wright. The erection of this building permitted using McCullough Gymnasium for Women. The conversion was made by the generosity of Hall Park McCullough of the Board.

The construction of the College's Snow Bowl was sparked by Dr. Stewart Ross of the Middlebury Board. Its continued development has meant much to Middlebury students and townspeople as well. Lang Field has provided space for intramural sports. It is the memorial gift of Ted Lang whose son was killed in World War II.

The Battells North, South and Center for women, and Stewart Hall now being constructed for men, represent great improvements in housing.

Carr Hall is primarily devoted to Fine Arts.

The Charles Baker Wright Play House will replace the one which burned down.

Plans are now being prepared for an addition to the Library.

The Committee on Instruction receives and acts upon recommendations of the President after his consultation with Senior Faculty Council members on all retentions, promotions and tenure of faculty members.

Ideally, Faculty members and Trustees should be well acquainted. Each should understand the problems of the other. Distance, time, numbers of persons and extent and complexity of problems drastically limit the approach to this ideal. Recent meetings of Faculty Council and Prudential Committee members at the President's home have proved of value. A change of procedure put into effect in 1956 calls for regularly scheduled meetings between the Conference Committee of the Faculty and the Conference Committee of the Trustees.

The list of some of the physical improvements at Middlebury must not be permitted to overshadow the basic purpose of the [*Continued on page 12*]

The Trustees

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Study Counselor, Vassar College

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President, R. S. Noonan, Inc.

*EVELYN PLUMLEY ADAMS, '25, A.B. (term expires 1959)

*EARL A. SAMSON, '26, B.S. (term expires 1960)
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Assistant Secretary of the Corporation

†Died February 6, 1957.
§Term Trustee.
*Elected on nomination by the Alumni.

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easily result in losing sight of less apparent but equally important progress being made to strengthen teaching and scholarship facilities at Middlebury. All Middlebury people should be pleased and proud to learn that gratifying progress is being made in our efforts to strengthen Middlebury's resources for teaching and scholarship aid. Since the start of this academic year last July 1st, some $370,000 has been added to our teaching endowment. Receipt of the first half of the Ford Foundation Endowment grant (exclusive of the accomplishment grant) accounts for $170,000 of this total. The balance of $200,000 results from a very generous gift made anonymously last December.

During this same period, gifts totaling $57,500 have been made to increase Middlebury's scholarship endowment. To this must be added $18,150 in spendable scholarship grants made by Foundations. Each of these gifts and grants plays an important role in assuring an ever strengthening academic program.

Student Affairs

Much can be reported concerning the activities and achievement of our undergraduates. Two members of last year's graduating class have won Fulbright Scholarships. Seven Middlebury students went on to M.I.T. under the combined Middlebury-M.I.T. plan, a larger number than in former years.

This year's freshman class includes two men and one woman who are National Merit Scholarship winners. These national competitive scholarships were first made available this past year by The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, an independent, non-profit organization whose purpose is to administer a nationwide system of college four-year scholarships. More than 60,000 selected applicants competed for scholarship awards. Some 532 high school graduates of exceptional ability were chosen for awards following national competitive examinations. Middlebury's National Merit Scholars are Janet Farley '60 of Portland, Maine, Robert Z. Hayden '60 of Irving, Texas and David J. Klock '60, son of Edwin J. Klock '23, of Schenectady, New York.

The freshman class also includes a General Motors National Scholarship winner. This young lady, Caroline E. Smith '60 of Gales Ferry, Connecticut, was awarded one of 100 national four-year scholarships awarded to high school seniors who had distinguished themselves in secondary school careers and who were winners in a competitive examination in which 20,000 high school seniors competed. Considering the size of our freshman class, we can take pride in the fact that we received more than our proportionate share of national competitive scholarship winners.

Recent announcement that G. Dann Sargent '57, son of Rufus B. Sargent '32 was one of four New England boys awarded Rhodes Scholarships is news in which all Middlebury people should also take pride. This young man, a Chemistry major, elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his Junior year, faced stiff competition in the New England District and was the only small college winner as the other three awards went to men at Harvard, Yale and the United States Military Academy.

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is, of course, Women's Forum. With a membership of about 75% of the Women's College, some of the organization's 26 committees conduct at the Community House children's classes in ballet and arts and crafts, story and game hours, and Girl Scout groups; one committee provides free music lessons for any Village children who wish them. The Forum's Thrift Shop, housed in quarters renovated several years ago by the men of the Christian Association, sells good clothing and household articles at reasonable prices, the profits of which maintain a Summer Playschool held for six weeks on the Community House grounds. The Forum also contributes to the support of Shard Villa, a home for the aged in Salisbury, Vt., and to the operation of the Sheldon Museum. In addition, several special projects are usually under way, designed to acquaint members with Middlebury community life while they serve the community in some way; typical of these special projects was a child immunization survey conducted in cooperation with the Vermont State Health Department, the results of which were used in pre-school vaccination clinics.

Our College is indeed fortunate to be a functional part of the Village of Middlebury, a village with which undergraduates can maintain a close and satisfying relationship, one in which many make their first venture into the world of community service. Needless to say, the community services outlined above could not even take place were it not for the increasing sense of social responsibility which is felt by students of our day, supporting the growth of such institutions as Women's Forum, the Community Chest, Help Week—all symbolic of the spirit of community life and service which as Alumni they will carry on in post-graduate days.

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can then adapt or program it ready for the electronic calculator. Among Middlebury graduates now employed in the operation of the 704 computers are Ed. Ormsby, 1940; Frank Bosworth, 1945; and Bill Hartnett, 1956.

▶ What are students at Middlebury majoring in today? Here are the ten departments with the highest number of majors, in order:

Economics
English
Political Science
Sociology
Biology
History
American Literature
Chemistry
French
The Arts (Drama, Fine Arts, Music)

Mr. James J. Hoffman is teaching the Fine Arts course in Oil Painting this semester, substituting for Mr. Peter Walton who asked to be relieved for the semester so as to be able to give his attention to some personal affairs. Mr. Hoffman holds the B. F. A. degree with high honors from the University of Illinois and has done advanced degree work at the University of Iowa. He has been awarded many fellowships and awards, including the Prix de Rome in 1954.

Recent publications of faculty members have included the feature article in the Fall Number of the Business Quarterly, published in Ontario, entitled "Can Canada Avoid Inflation?" by Dr. George Wilson of the Economics Department. Also by the same author in The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science, "An Influence of Demand upon Productivity." Dr. Howard Woodin of the Department of Biology recounts an interesting experience during a portage in Quebec in a recent issue of the Journal of Mammalogy, and Mr. Klaus H. Wolff, Lecturer in Economics, has written "An Early Case of Agricultural Entrepreneurship" in the Entrepreneurial History Bulletin published by Harvard University.

Professor Walter T. Bogart, Chairman of the Political Science Department, will be on sabbatical leave for the entire year 1957–58, and Professor Alan Carter, Chairman of the Music Department, will be on leave for the first semester. "Doc" Cook and Mischa Fayer have returned to the campus for this second semester, and Mrs. Bowker and I hope to be in southern Europe as you read this. Dr. Fayer has just returned from the Soviet Union and has promised to use this page of the Spring Issue to give you some of his impressions of Russia today. Professor Donald H. Ballou is again chairman of the Faculty Educational Policy Committee this year, and in the Summer Issue of the NEWS LETTER which will go to press before I return in August, Dr. Ballou will discuss the matters with which his committee has dealt during the last two college years.

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educational process for which Middlebury was founded. The Summer Language Schools have ever more significance as our present day world demands greater understanding. Post war developments include our Russian Summer School and the Graduate Schools of French in France and that of Spanish in Spain.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps unit is another development.

Our faculty has been increased in number to improve instruction.

The Middlebury Development Program has been inaugurated to aid in supplying sinews for better all around performances. Walter Brooker, '37 is heading this work. The Trustee Committee was first started with Edwin S. S. Sunderland as Chairman. Paris Fletcher now leads this activity.

Some problems are continuing ones—such as trying to provide adequate faculty salaries (*and all our thanks to Mrs. Wilks and to Mr. Ford's Foundation!*).

Another problem is that of possible expansion, to meet the oncoming wave of students. Present thinking is that a significant increase in enrollment should only be contemplated if there should be a corresponding increase in endowment—otherwise our educational effort would be diluted.

There are four meetings of the Trustees each year of which three are at Middlebury. The January meeting has recently alternated between New York and Boston—in part because the Rutland Railroad no longer favors us with passenger service.

The Prudential (*or Executive*) Committee of nine meets monthly between meetings of the full Board. This group disposes of some urgent items as well as many matters not requiring the attention of the entire Board.

It is the responsibility of the President of the College, not only to administer, but to study, develop and propose forward looking ideas in connection with every phase of Middlebury College activities.

President Stratton presents to the full Board all the items on his agenda calling for action. After appropriate discussion such matters are determined by vote. The Treasurer and Business Manager, (*who is also Assistant Secretary*), then make reports or may bring up items requiring board action. The Chairman then calls upon each committee chairman for any appropriate report and to propose any board action which may be needed. The meeting is then turned back to the President who always has subjects to report or to evoke discussion.

One problem *never* exists among our Trustees. That is the matter of salary,—since they receive none!

Middlebury Trustees work conscientiously for the College many traveling hundreds of miles to attend meetings. They work as they do because they have loved Middlebury or, if from another College, have grown to love her. They believe in higher education, are proud to be able to "chip in" on its advancement, and wish to repay in some way what was done for them by earlier believers in higher education.

My own experience covers the last twenty years. During the last twelve years, as Chairman of the Board I can enthusiastically say that no Trustee has declined to accept an assigned responsibility.

I hope these observations will answer in part the five questions posed at the start of this article on Page 10.

Library Grant . . .

The Egbert Starr Library at Middlebury College has received a sub-grant of $300 from the United States Steel Foundation grant made to the Association of College and Reference Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, which has for its purpose improvement of college library collections, equipment, and programs of library service.

Dr. Samuel S. Stratton, President of Middlebury, said "the sub-grant would be used to enable Mrs. Margaret L. Fayer, librarian, to inspect features in new library buildings and library buildings under construction." In announcing the grant, Dr. Stratton pointed out that it was important that the proposed addition to Middlebury's library be planned to embrace the features needed for modern library functions.

National Magazine Features Middlebury

Winter life at Middlebury highlighted by the College's Annual Winter Carnival was featured in the February 18th issue of *Sports Illustrated*. This magazine has a circulation of more than a half a million copies and is published by Time Inc.